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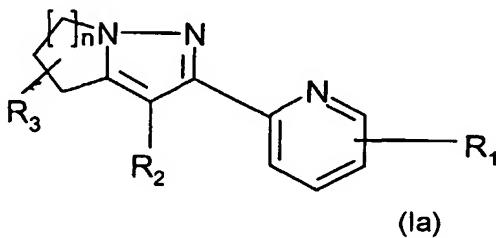
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(57) **Abstract:** The current invention relates to compounds of the formula: (Ia) and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and their use as TGF-beta signal transduction inhibitors for treating cancer and other diseases in a patient in need thereof by administration of said compounds.

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